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SUBJECT: UNESCO/ 74TH SESSION OF HEADQUARTERS
COMMITTEE, APRIL 1-4, 1977

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
CONSTRUCTION OF THE SIXTH BUILDING (DOC. UNESCO/74/HQ/2).
WILL BE MAIN ITEM ON AGENDA OF SUBJECT MEETING, WHICH
WILL BE ATTENDED, AS BEFORE, BY DEPUTY PERMREP.

2. THE DOCUMENT DESCRIBES PROGRESS MADE TO DATE AND
PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED. CONCERNING THE LATTER, THE DG
ASKS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION OF
9.6 MILLION FRENCH FRANCS TO COVER UNFORESEEABLE RISES
IN THE COST OF LABOR AND MATERIALS, AS WELL AS
FAILURES OF CONTRACTORS TO OBSERVE THE TERMS OF THE

CONTRACT (SEE PARA. 16 TO 22 OF ABOVE MENTIONED DOCUMENT).

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, THAT THE 19 TH GENCONG, IN
RESOLUTION 19 C/RES.31.1, HAS AUTHORIZED MAXIMUM OF

TEN PERCENT INCREASE FOR SUCH ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES,
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OVER AND ABOVE THE REVISED APPROPRIATION OF 96.9 MILLION
FRENCH FRANCS APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SIXTH
BUILDING BY THE 18TH GENCONF. THE REQUESTED SUPPLE-
MENTARY IS WITHIN THAT AUTHORIZED TEN PERCENT FIGURE.

4. UNDER THE TERMS OF 19 C/RES.31.1 THE DG'S REQUEST
FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS: (A) MUST NOT EXCEED TEN PERCENT

OF THE 18TH GENCONF AUTHORIZATION , AND (B) MUST BE
SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL OF EXBD, ON THE BASIS OF RECOM-
MENDATION OF THE HQ COMMITTEE "ADOPTED BY A TWO-THIRDS

MAJORITY".

RECOMMENDATION: PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT WE BE
AUTHORIZED TO ABSTAIN IN THE VOTE ON THIS REQUEST
BOTH AT HQ COMMITTEE AND AT THE 102ND EXBD.

5. THE DG'S REPORT ALSO DISCUSS (PARAS. 33 TO 39)
DEVELOPMENTS RE OFFICIAL APARTMENT FOR THE DIRECTOR-
GENERAL WHICH, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THE 72ND SESSION OF
HQ COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED (WITH US OPPOSING) AT A
MAXIMUM COST OF 830,000 FRENCH FRANCS. THE REPORT
REFERS TO NUMBER OF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED
IN THE PLAN FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SUCH AN APARTMENT
ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE SIXTH BUILDING, AS ORIGINALLY
INTENDED, AND CONCLUDES THAT THIS APARTMENT WILL NOW BE
INSTALLED IN THE MAIN BUILDINGS (PLACE DE FONTENOY),
NEAR THE OFFICES PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE DG. THE
ADVANTAGE OF THIS NEW SOLUTION, THE REPORT SAYS, IS
THAT : (A) "IT WILL PROVIDE GREATER SECURITY FOR THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL", AND (B) "ITS COST WILL NOT EXCEED

THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS 118,368 TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE SUM
ASIDE FOR CONSERVATION UNDER PART V OF THE DRAFT

PROGRAM ANDBUDGET FOR 1977-1978", (I.E. APPROXIMATELY
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240,000 FRENCH FRANCS LESS THAN ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED
FOR THIS PURPOSE).

RECOMMENDATION: PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT WE SIMPLY
NOTE THIS "NEW SOLUTION" SINCE IT DOES NOT RPT NOT
REQUIRE ANY FORMAL ACTION BY HQ COMMITTEE.
MOREOVER, U.S. DISSENTING VIEWS ON THIS PROJECT
WERE CLEARLY AND FORCEFULLY STATED AT THE 72ND HQ
COMMITTEE SESSION.

6. THE ONLY OTHER ITEM ON SUBJECT MEETING'S AGENDA IS
ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, TWO VICE-CHAIRMAN AND
RAPPORTEUR.

RECOMMENDATION: SINCE AMB. AGBLEMAGNON OF TOGO,
FORMER MEMBER OF EXBD AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF ITS NGO'S
COMMITTEE, IS THE ONLY KNOWN CANDIDATE FOR HQ
COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP, PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT
WE BE AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT HIM FOR THIS POST.

7. PLEASE REPLY BY COB MARCH 30, 1977.

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